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Supervisor Patricia Jursik, 8th District
Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, 4th District
Supervisor Christopher Larson, 14th District
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Dear Supervisors Jursik, Dimitrijevic and Larson:

Thank you for your July 9, 2010 letter concerning the Hoan Bridge. The bridge is indeed an important part of the local and regional infrastructure, linking the Southern suburbs and Mitchell International Airport with Downtown Milwaukee. The Department has continued taking a proactive approach with regard to the Hoan Bridge to keep it in safe and sound condition.

We will begin an in-depth structural investigation of the Hoan Bridge this week. The in-depth inspection report will provide detailed information needed to develop plans to completely remove and replace the existing Hoan Bridge deck surface.

We have also conducted a thermography analysis on the bridge deck. Thermography results revealed areas on the bridge deck that require maintenance attention. Initial deck repair work will be let in September 2010 and begin in October with work completing in 2011.

A contract was let on July 13, 2010 to repair and install additional under-deck netting on the bridge.

The Department has also just submitted an application for the federal TIGER II Grants, requesting funds to rehabilitate the 1794 Lake Interchange Structures including access ramps leading to the downtown street system and the Port of Milwaukee. These improvements will have a direct benefit to the Hoan Bridge through improving the approaches to the structure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank J. Busalacchi".

Frank J. Busalacchi
Secretary

cc: Governor Jim Doyle
The Honorable Gwen Moore, Member of Congress
Senator Mark Miller, Co-Chair JFC
Representative Mark Pocan, Co-Chair JFC
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